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PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Asst. Commissioner for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Please amend this application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Page 1, please replace with the enclosed new page 1.

Page 2, rewrite the last paragraph as follows:

--The invention also provides the use of a proton pump inhibitor, preferably omeprazole, for the prevention of gastric ulcers in mammals.--

Page 7, rewrite the third and fourth full paragraphs as follows:

--The efficiency of the method for preventing significant or persistent ulceration was completely unexpected. The invention also provides the use of a proton pump inhibitor, preferably omeprazole, for the preparation of a formulation for the prevention of gastric ulcers in mammals.--